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Applicant: Jose Alguera et al.

Examiner: Matt Luby

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For: **DEVICE FOR INDICATING THE LOCKING STATE OF A FIFTH WHEEL
COUPLING AND SENSOR ARRANGEMENT**

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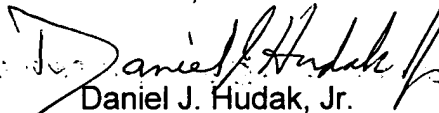
Sir,

The undersigned hereby certifies that the attached **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT** was mailed to the Commissioner of Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313, with sufficient first-class postage, no special handling, on November 4, 2004 before 5:00 PM, thereby ensuring that such document(s) will be in the hands of the U.S. Postal Service by the close of business this day. Thus, timely response has been made to the outstanding Office action prior to expiration of the shortened statutory period for the same ending **11/17/04**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 18, 2004, Applicants' respond as follows:

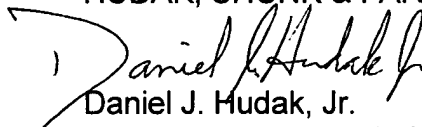
The Examiner has required Restriction in the above-identified application to one of the following classes of inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a device for indicating the locking state of a fifth wheel coupling.
- II. Claims 3-7 and 12-14, drawn to an apparatus.
- III. Claims 8-11, 15 and 16.

Applicant hereby elects Group I relating to Claims 1 and 2 for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, examination of Claims 1 and 2 is greatly appreciated.

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